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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH LABORATORY

1. THE ECUADOREAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (EAEC) PLANS TO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDS NEXT MONTH ON A \$300,000 SITE DEVELOPMENT STUDY FOR ITS NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH LABORATORY. STUDIES WILL INCLUDE THE SEISMOLOGY, METEOROLOGY, GEOLOGY, AND HYDROLOGY OF THE PLANNED SITE. A TOTAL STUDY TIME OF THREE TO SIX MONTHS IS ENVISAGED BY THE EAEC.

2. FONAPRE (THE NATIONAL PREINVESTMENT FUND) WILL FINANCE THE STUDY FROM A LOAN SIGNED WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SOME YEARS AGO. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE IDB/FONAPRE LOAN, ONLY FIRMS FROM THE IDB MEMBER-COUNTRIES AT THAT TIME, MEANING ONLY THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES, MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE FONAPRE PROJECTS THAT DRAW ON THE IDB FUNDING.

3. THE TOTAL COST OF THE NUCLEAR LABORATORY, INCLUDING A ONE-MEGAWATT RESEARCH REACTOR AND RELATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, WILL BE ABOUT \$11 TO \$12 MILLION. IT APPEARS THAT SPAIN WILL FURNISH THE REACTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$8 TO \$9 MILLION, WITH THE EXTERNAL COMMERCE BANK OF SPAIN SUPPLYING THE FINANCING. THE EAEC BY JANUARY OF 1979 WILL SEEK BIDS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LABORATORY. FINANCING FOR THIS PORTION OF THE PROJECT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL UNDETERMINED.

4. INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT:
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